

## Chapter MPSW 13

### PRACTICE OF PSYCHOTHERAPY BY PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

#### MPSW 13.01 Psychotherapeutic counseling.

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#### **MPSW 13.01 Psychotherapeutic counseling.**

(1) After January 1, 2007, a licensed professional counselor may engage without supervision in psychotherapy or psychotherapeutic counseling only if he or she is qualified to do so by education, training and experience.

(2) A licensed professional counselor shall demonstrate qualification to engage without supervision in psychotherapy or psychotherapeutic counseling by submitting evidence of all of the following to the department for section approval:

(a) Successful completion of the National Counselor Mental Health Certification Examination (NCMHCE).

(b) At least 6 semester credits or 9 quarter credits of post-bachelor's education in psychotherapy modalities.

(c) An affidavit by a supervisor qualified and authorized to practice psychotherapy that the individual has completed at least

3,000 hours of post-master's supervised clinical professional counselor practice in not less than 2 years, including at least 1,000 hours of face-to-face client contact and including DSM diagnosis and treatment of individuals.

(3) The definition of "professional counseling" in s. 457.01 (6), Stats., extends to the provision of psychotherapy services. A licensed professional counselor who does not practice psychotherapy and who limits his or her practice to "the application of mental health, psychological or human development principles, through cognitive, affective, behavioral or systemic intervention strategies, that address wellness, personal growth, or career development" is not required to satisfy the requirements in sub. (2).

**Note:** A licensed professional counselor employed in a certified outpatient mental health clinic is subject to rules of the department of health and family services regarding supervision.

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